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28 January 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Trip Report - [REDACTED]

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1. I arrived [REDACTED] on the evening of 22 January 1961, remaining for three days, and returning to headquarters on the night of 25 January. The three days were spent in briefing the [REDACTED] and then in a series of discussions with the [REDACTED] on the taking of initial steps for the activation of the Project.

2. The [REDACTED] and I prepared an agenda for our initial meeting with [REDACTED], a copy of which is attached. All of the points listed were covered in detail to the satisfaction of the [REDACTED] and myself and with the apparent acceptance and satisfaction of [REDACTED]

3. Our discussions followed the courses of action approved by headquarters with the following points noted as a matter of interest:

a. [REDACTED] seemed thoroughly aware of the difficulty in establishing contacts and assets within the DR and of his own volition urged that we not try to do everything through his organization, and that we pursue as many independent profitable sources as possible.

b. [REDACTED] presented an estimate for a radio program to be initiated immediately [REDACTED] a copy of which is on file in headquarters. He was assured that headquarters would furnish both a decision and guidance in the immediate future.

c. [REDACTED] expressed concern that sufficient funds would not be available for the support of the branches of the VRD outside [REDACTED]. He furnished a budget

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estimate of the expenses involved in such support which is on file here in headquarters. He was advised that we recognized the necessity for a certain amount of such support providing the activities of the branches were concentrated on the development of information, contacts, and assets within the DR. It is planned that he will call the key representatives [REDACTED] in the very near future and he is being advised that approval of the project for his political organizational activities will be deferred until we have a better awareness of the nature and scope of the branch activities.

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d. Mutual agreement on accounting and bookkeeping procedures were readily reached. Also, overnight, [REDACTED] arranged for the presenting of BI forms which will be very useful in obtaining any checks and clearances.

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4. In summation, the initial meetings went very well and it appears that [REDACTED] will very quickly set about doing the tasks that were laid on him. It will be necessary for headquarters also to move quickly in order to properly carry out our part of the endeavor.

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